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In 1962, boxing writers and fans considered Cassius Clay an obnoxious self-promoter, and few believed that he would become the heavyweight champion of the world. But Malcolm X, the most famous minister in the Nation of Islam—a sect many white Americans deemed a hate cult—saw the potential in Clay, not just for boxing greatness, but as a means of spreading the Nation's message. The two became fast friends, keeping their interactions secret from the press for fear of jeopardizing Clay's career. Clay began living a double life—a patriotic "good Negro" in public, and a radical reformer behind the scenes. Soon, however, their friendship would sour, with disastrous and far-reaching consequences. Based on previously untapped sources, from Malcolm's personal papers to FBI records, *Blood Brothers* is the first book to offer an in-depth portrait of this complex bond. Acclaimed historians Randy Roberts and Johnny Smith reconstruct the worlds that shaped Malcolm and Clay, from the boxing arenas and mosques, to postwar New York and civil rights-era Miami. In an impressively detailed account, they reveal how Malcolm molded Cassius Clay into Muhammad Ali, helping him become an international symbol of black pride and black independence. Yet when Malcolm was barred from the Nation for criticizing the philandering of its leader, Elijah Muhammad, Ali turned his back on Malcolm—a choice that tragically contributed

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to the latter's assassination in February 1965. Malcolm's death marked the end of a critical phase of the civil rights movement, but the legacy of his friendship with Ali has endured. We inhabit a new era where the roles of entertainer and activist, of sports and politics, are more entwined than ever before. *Blood Brothers* is the story of how Ali redefined what it means to be a black athlete in America—after Malcolm first enlightened him. An extraordinary narrative of love and deep affection, as well as deceit, betrayal, and violence, this story is a window into the public and private lives of two of our greatest national icons, and the tumultuous period in American history that they helped to shape.

Billy Walker was a British sporting hero—a supremely courageous fighter with film star looks, who became a household name after millions of TV viewers saw him knock out a giant American in less than a minute. Adored by men and women alike, Billy was the biggest box-office attraction in British boxing history, whose record for the number of successive Wembley sell-outs has never been beaten. He had a sumptuous home in Belgravia, filled with champagne and fine wines. He drove top-of-the-range sports cars. And, as one of the most famous faces in the land, he revelled in all the Swinging Sixties had to offer, including the company of beautiful women. When his boxing days were over, after fighting Henry Cooper for the British title, Billy continued to live the way he had fought—fast and furious, with no punches pulled. Now married for the fourth time, the famous smile is back. Billy's story of his exceptional, exhilarating life is an enthralling read, appealing to those too young to know

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his name, as much as the thousands who thrilled to his battling style. Disarmingly candid, the cheerful Cockney bares his soul, revealing the triumphs and tragedies—in and out of the ring—that he always kept hidden behind the cheery smile. It is a riveting, uplifting story of an East End kid with an unquenchable lust for fun, who never wanted to fight, but whose bravery and engaging personality made him the richest, most popular, fighter of his generation—a story of the gentlest and friendliest of giants, who has lived a charmed life most men only dream about.

The treatment of detainees at Abu Ghraib prison, Guantánamo Bay, and far-flung CIA "black sites" after the attacks of 9/11 included cruelty that defied legal and normative prohibitions in U.S. and international law. The antitorture stance of the United States was brushed aside. Since then, the guarantee of American civil liberties and due process for POWs and detainees has grown muddled, threatening the norms that sustain modern democracies. How the Gloves Came Off considers the legal and political arguments that led to this standoff between civility and chaos and their significant consequences for the strategic interests and standing of the United States. Unpacking the rhetoric surrounding the push for unitary executive action in wartime, How the Gloves Came Off traces the unmaking of the consensus against torture. It implicates U.S. military commanders, high-level government administrators, lawyers, and policy makers from both parties, exposing the ease with which powerful actors manipulated ambiguities to strip detainees of their

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humanity. By targeting the language and logic that made torture thinkable, this book shows how future decision makers can craft an effective counternarrative and set a new course for U.S. policy toward POWs and detainees. Whether leaders use their influence to reinforce a prohibition of cruelty to prisoners or continue to undermine long-standing international law will determine whether the United States retains a core component of its founding identity.

Steamy, heart-wrenching, and hilarious, the Nashville Assassins series isn't just for hockey fans—readers of Rachel Gibson, Susan Elizabeth Phillips, and Molly O'Keefe will adore New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Toni Aleo's sexy take on contemporary romance. Now all four novels and the companion novella are together in one can't-miss eBook bundle: TAKING SHOTS TRYING TO SCORE EMPTY NET FALLING FOR THE BACKUP BLUE LINES The Assassins may be the hottest things on two legs and ice skates, but when the gloves come off, the chiseled men of this Nashville NHL team will do anything for the women they love: A reformed bad boy helps a charming, willful beauty face off against the demons of her past. . . . The league's leading scorer pulls a power play to make things right with the one that got away. . . . A heartbroken rookie vows to turn a one-night stand into a happily ever after. . . . Looking for a second chance, a former superstar encounters the most distracting woman he's ever met. . . . And one crazy-sexy night with a supposedly nice girl leads to a very big surprise: two blue lines on a pregnancy test. Praise for the Assassins

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series “Aleo melts the ice and hits it into the net.”—Award-winning author Jami Davenport “Taking Shots is really the whole package. You get romance, humor, steamy sex, drama, and then it all wraps up with a great conclusion. I am amazed that this is Toni’s first book. She has come out in a huge way. I can’t wait to read more from her. Don’t hesitate for a moment to grab this book.”—Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews “A little steamy, a little heartbreaking, and a whole lot of fanning yourself are in order this time around, readers. Are your cheeks feeling a little pink yet? Get used to the feeling.”—Dreaming in the Pages, on Trying to Score “Empty Net is an honest, heartwarming, endearing story. . . . Toni Aleo doesn’t just write a story. She gives you the ability to experience the journey of her characters right along with them. Her stories are enveloped with passion, emotion, humor, love; and let me tell you, that girl knows how to write a sex scene that just makes you sweat!”—Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews “Sexy and riveting . . . the perfect combination of love and lust.”—USA Today bestselling author Heidi McLaughlin, on Blue Lines “Funny, charming, sweet, sexy . . . [Falling for the Backup] has everything you want in a story.”—Blushing Reader

Crosby Parks had the life. A wealthy family, girls vying for his attention, and pro scouts after his hockey skills. But when that life comes crumbling down, he’s sent to Alabama to escape the media storm and to rebuild his life. If Crosby has any shot of playing professional hockey, he must keep a low profile and graduate from college. But the second he steps foot on campus,

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keeping a low profile becomes impossible. Sabrina's mind is made up. After encouraging Alabama's star wide receiver to friend-zone her and pursue someone else, she's determined to focus on herself and stop being everyone's trusty sidekick. But when she stumbles upon a naked hockey player tied to a tree in the middle of the night, Sabrina's life is thrown upside down. Because when you leave someone tied to a tree, they eventually get free. A STANDALONE New Adult Sports Romance in the For You series. Each book follows a new couple.

In New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Toni Aleo's exhilarating Loveswept debut, the first in a series featuring the hockey hunks of the Nashville Assassins, a reformed bad boy helps a charming, willful woman face off against the demons of her past. No matter how hard she tries, Eleanor Fisher never thinks she's good enough, from her job to her weight to her love life. After enduring years of abuse at the hands of an ex-boyfriend, Elli has been drifting through life in a daze. Until, that is, she meets Shea Adler on a promotional shoot for the NHL's Nashville Assassins. Before Elli knows what's happening, the gorgeous Shea breaks the ice and shatters her world. A brilliant athlete inside the rink, Shea Adler is tired of the life he's living outside of it: the women, the money, the drinking. But everything changes when he meets Elli. After laying eyes on this feisty, witty, beautiful woman, he feels like he's just taken the hardest hit of his life. No matter how skeptical she is, Shea knows they are meant to be together—if only he can convince Elli to put her

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From USA Today bestselling author J.L. Berg comes a poignant story about young love that will stick with you long after the last page. Head down. Don't look up. Never make eye contact. Those were the words I lived

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by growing up, the words that protected me in a house where men frequented, but did not stay. But, even with all the rules and warnings, I couldn't keep them all away. I couldn't keep him away. Hoping to leave behind the shattered life of my past, I find myself in a small town, with an aunt I've never met and at a school I loathe. But soon I learn, not everything in this world is as black and white as I've determined. Sometimes those we are so quick to judge need a second or third time to make a first impression. And often, there are friendships and even love—real love, waiting just around the corner, if we are brave enough to take that first step. Am I brave? Or will I hide behind these tattered gloves of mine forever?

Be sure to check out *IRON AMBITION: My Life with Cus D'Amato* by Mike Tyson “Raw, powerful and disturbing—a head-spinning take on Mr. Tyson's life.”—Wall Street Journal Philosopher, Broadway headliner, fighter, felon—Mike Tyson has defied stereotypes, expectations, and a lot of conventional wisdom during his three decades in the public eye. Bullied as a boy in the toughest, poorest neighborhood in Brooklyn, Tyson grew up to become one of the most ferocious boxers of all time—and the youngest heavyweight champion ever. But his brilliance in the ring was often compromised by reckless behavior. Yet—even after hitting rock bottom—the man who once admitted being addicted “to everything” fought his way back, achieving triumphant success as an actor and newfound

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happiness and stability as a father and husband. Brutal, honest, raw, and often hilarious, Undisputed Truth is the singular journey of an inspiring American original.

A New York Times bestseller If you work hard enough, if you want it enough, if you're smart and talented and "good enough," you can do anything. Except get pregnant. Her whole life, Lucy Knisley wanted to be a mother. But when it was finally the perfect time, conceiving turned out to be harder than anything she'd ever attempted. Fertility problems were followed by miscarriages, and her eventual successful pregnancy plagued by health issues, up to a dramatic, near-death experience during labor and delivery. This moving, hilarious, and surprisingly informative memoir, Kid Gloves, not only follows Lucy's personal transition into motherhood but also illustrates the history and science of reproductive health from all angles, including curious facts and inspiring (and notorious) figures in medicine and midwifery. Whether you've got kids, want them, or want nothing to do with them, there's something in this graphic memoir to open your mind and heart. "When are the 1970s going to begin?" ran the joke during the Presidential campaign of 1976. With his own patented combination of serious journalism and dazzling comedy, Tom Wolfe met the question head-on in these rollicking essays in Mauve Gloves and Madmen, Clutter and Vine -- and even provided the

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1970s with its name: "The Me Decade."

A refreshing memoir of battles and self-belief from one of the NHL's most revered enforcers Shawn Thornton was an unlikely NHL success, to say the least. The Oshawa, Ontario native was picked late in the OHL and later thought he was being pranked when the Toronto Maple Leafs called him to say he'd been selected in the seventh round of the 1997 NHL draft. After years spent working and maturing in the AHL, Thornton would go on to play 14 seasons with the Chicago Blackhawks, Anaheim Ducks, Boston Bruins, and Florida Panthers, winning two Stanley Cups along the way. For the first time, in this candid memoir, Thornton opens up about his life in hockey and beyond, from his early days as an unrated prospect to the leadership lessons he learned in the minors, from the most difficult on-ice brawls to the ecstasy of reaching the sport's most celestial heights. Fans will not want to miss this story of perseverance and finding one's own path.

On 9/11 the U.S. had effectively no counterterrorism doctrine. Fast forward ten years: Osama bin Laden is dead; al Qaeda is organizationally ruined and pinned in the tribal areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan; there has been no major attack on American soil; and while there has been at least one instance of a massive planned attack, it was crushed by the greatest international collaboration of intelligence services seen since the end of the Cold

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War. It's been a remarkable transformation. Aki Peritz and Eric Rosenbach have experienced first-hand the monumental strategy changes in our country's counterterrorism strategy within the intelligence, defense, and political communities. In this book, they show how America learned to be very good at taking on the terrorists, often one at a time, in ever more lethally incisive operations. They offer new details behind some headlines from the last decade. They are frank about the mistakes that have been made. And they explain how a concept coined by General Grant during the Civil War has been reinvented in the age of satellite technology to manage a globally distributed foe, allowing the U.S. to find, fix, and finish its enemies.

When a dating app matches two serial killers, they find themselves falling into love or the closest thing that their twisted minds can get. Desperately trying to keep their secret crimes from being exposed, they must deal with not only each other but law enforcement and the demands of their careers. Will they overcome the odds and accept that they are meant for each other?

A gritty, spirited inside look at the world of amateur boxing today The Golden Gloves tournament is center stage in amateur boxing-a single-elimination contest in which young hopefuls square off in steamy gyms with the boxing elite looking on. Robert Anasi took up boxing in his twenties to keep in shape,

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attract women, and sharpen his knuckles for the odd bar fight. He thought of entering "the Gloves," but put it off. Finally, at age thirty-two-his last year of eligibility-he vowed to fight, although he was an old man in a sport of teenagers and a light man who had to be even lighter (125 pounds) to fight others his size. So begins Anasi's obsessive preparation for the Golden Gloves. He finds Milton, a wily and abusive trainer, and joins Milton's "Supreme Team": a black teenager who used to deal guns in Harlem, a bus driver with five kids, a hard-hitting woman champion who becomes his sparring partner. Meanwhile, he observes the changing world of amateur boxing, in which investment bankers spar with ex-convicts and everyone dreads a fatal blow to the head. With the Supreme Team, he goes to the tournament, whose outcome, it seems, is rigged, like so much in boxing life today. Robert Anasi tells his story not as a journalist on assignment but as a man in the midst of one of the great adventures of his life. The Gloves, his first book, has the feel of a contemporary classic. New York City's top concierge gives up a keyhole view into the luxe hotel rooms, private dining and dressing rooms of the ridiculous, rich and demanding Michael Fazio is the ultimate behind-the-scenes support man. Want two orchestra tickets to the Broadway musical that just won the Tony? Call Fazio. How about an upgrade to first class on an overbooked overnight flight to Tokyo? Call Fazio. Or

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a roomful of fresh hydrangeas—in winter? That's right. Call Fazio. From his early start as the harried and neglected personal assistant to a typical L.A. casting agent, Fazio took what he learned there and moved into concierge work at New York City's Intercontinental Hotel, where he was eventually able to parlay his services into a large and successful business of his own. In *Concierge Confidential*, Fazio reveals the behind-the-scenes madness that goes into getting the rich and famous what they want, and shares some great insider knowledge on how to get access to the unattainable without making the concierge, waiters and other service people crazy. A few of Fazio's tips include:

- When and how much to palm in tips
- How to get a seat or ticket to the hottest thing in town
- How to avoid being labeled a rube the minute you walk through the door
- How you can become your favorite store or restaurant's most beloved customer
- And much more

How the Gloves Came Off  
Lawyers, Policy Makers,  
and Norms in the Debate on Torture  
Columbia University Press

When her grandmother, a devoted gardener, dies, a little girl inherits her gardening gloves and feels closer to her memory.

Young Grace Kelly has the world at her feet. MGM's rising queen is poised to win the Oscar, but she's tired of the studio's increasing restrictions on her life.

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When an unexpected friendship develops between her and Prince Rainier of Monaco, she faces the tempting possibility of a new role. But life isn't like the movies. Twenty years into her crumbling marriage, Grace finds herself frustrated and disillusioned. Conflicted by notions of family, career, and the very nature of womanhood the world's loneliest princess searches for purpose beyond the labels and headlines.

Recognized from her roles on Survivor, The View, and Fox & Friends, best-selling author Elisabeth Hasselbeck presents a deeply intimate journey of faith, told through the important moments in her life. From designing shoes to surviving Survivor to not surviving The View, Elisabeth Hasselbeck has learned more about standing up for her convictions in the public eye than she ever thought she would when she applied for a reality TV show on a whim almost two decades ago. Through most of those years, Elisabeth strived as if she had to earn the approval of others and of God. But God was gently at work in her to show His point of view--His invitation for her to rest in the calling, rest in His Word, and rest fully in the truth of the gospel. Point of View is an intimate walk of faith, as she writes mom to mom, friend to friend, mother to daughter. From the divisive table at The View to national political platforms to the breakfast table, Elisabeth bares her heart about her failures, her triumphs, and

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her path of learning lessons the hard way.

In 2013, the Colorado Avalanche announced that Joe Sakic, a franchise legend and Hall of Fame center, would be promoted to become the new executive VP of hockey operations. Soon, Sakic was instrumental in the hiring of Patrick Roy, the greatest goaltender in NHL history, a man crucial to the Avalanche's Stanley Cup victories in 1996 and 2001, as Colorado's new coach. This book, a collaborative effort between seasoned sportswriters and authors Terry Frei and Adrian Dater, is an opinionated, interpretive, and in-depth look at Patrick Roy's first season as a National Hockey League coach, and the Avalanche's surprising 2013–14 season.

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This book isn't primarily about relationships. There's no romance involved--not even any close friendships. It's mostly about flying machines and their missions. But people are important. After all, pilots fly the machines. There are a lot of characters here that aviation buffs will immediately recognize: Lots of record-setting test pilots, and even some astronauts. Older non-buffs will also see familiar names: an aviation legend, first-ever moon walkers, a couple of popular entertainers, a famous TV-news anchor and even two former presidential candidates. Watch closely, some of them just flash past. Airplanes star in this tale. None of them were

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perfect, but many of them excelled performing their assigned tasks. North American Aircraft's F-86F was a beautiful machine. But it was also a breathtakingly-good MiG killer. Because of its fine flying qualities, it was fun to fly--a sports car among sedans.

Fairchild/Chase Aircraft's C-123B was an outstanding assault transport. It was almost perfect for its mission in Vietnam, but it could be a real handful for any pilot to fly. I have lots of "favorite" airplanes, but Douglas' A-1H Skyraider stands out. There has never been a better attack fighter in terms of accuracy in iron-bomb delivery, weapons load-carrying ability or endurance. Lockheed's F-104A or C models were many pilot's dream machines. Their luster dimmed somewhat for me after I flew them. But they were certainly suitable for training Test Pilot School students to perform zooms and shuttle-aircraft type approaches and landings. I'll stop with these four. There's much more on airplanes inside--about 192,000 words worth. That's a lot to slog through and you may find some parts too technical or too detailed. Ignore them. There are also many numbers, but most aren't important. Browse for good stuff. If you want more info on some airplane, Google her up.

When the women of the Wellesley class of 1969 entered the ivory tower, they were initiated into a rarefied world. Many were daughters of privilege, many were going for their "MRS." But by the time

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they graduated four years later, they faced a world turned upside down by the Pill, NOW, student protests, the counterculture, and the Vietnam War. In this social history, Miriam Horn retraces the lives of women caught on a historic cusp. This generation was the first to test-drive modern rules that remain complicated and contentious regarding sexuality, marriage, motherhood, paid work, spirituality, aging, and the difficulties of reconciling public and private life. The result is a story of uncommon subtleties and vibrancy that reflects this generation's fateful choices.

The 1950s ocean liner Queen Isabella is making her final voyage--a retro cruise from Long Beach to Hawaii and back--before heading to the scrapyard. For the guests on board, it's a chance to experience a bygone era of decadent luxury, complete with fine dining, classic highballs, string quartets, and sophisticated jazz. Smoking is allowed but not cell phones--or children, for that matter. But this is the second decade of an uncertain new millennium, not the sunny, heedless mid-twentieth century, and certain disquieting signs of strife and malfunction above and below deck intrude on the festivities, throwing a trio of strangers together in an unexpected and startling test of character.

USA Today bestselling author Catherine Gayle presents another novel in the emotional Portland Storm hockey romance series. She left to follow her

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dreams, but came back to find her heart. When Katie Weber decided to pursue her dreams in Hollywood, she left her heart behind in Portland. Now she's back to make amends with Jamie Babcock, the only man she's ever loved, but he isn't willing to forgive and forget. Heartbroken, Jamie refuses to reopen old wounds—no matter how much he still loves her. At some point, he's got to draw the line. But Katie realizes she's got the biggest battle of her life on the line—one she can't win without Jamie by her side. In the game of love, all bets are off. Katie's Dropping her Gloves to fight for both the life she craves and the man she loves. But is Jamie too proud to end the standoff so he can finally have the one he truly wants? The Portland Storm series reading order: 1. Breakaway 2. On the Fly 3. Taking a Shot 4. Light the Lamp 5. Delay of Game 6. Double Major 7. In the Zone 8. Holiday Hat Trick 9. Comeback 10. Dropping Gloves 11. Home Ice 12. Mistletoe Misconduct 13. Losing an Edge 14. Game Breaker 15. Defensive Zone 16. Power Play 17. Neutral Zone 18. Free Agent - coming soon 19. Journeyman - coming soon 20. Sleigh Bells & Slap Shots - coming soon The Portland Storm series is a hockey romance series, but it is about a lot more than just hockey. Serious themes are explored in each book, including rape, cancer, addiction, miscarriage, molestation, grief, and many others. If you have triggers, please be aware that some or all of these books could contain

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material which would trigger you. Even if you don't have triggers, consider this your tissue warning. You could ugly cry while reading them. KEYWORDS: sports romance, hockey romance, athlete, tearjerker, emotional romance, cancer, forbidden romance, second chance romance, jock, sexy romance

\*~\* HE'S BACK! And this time he's not letting anything get in his way. KYLE'S RETURN IS THE LAST BOOK IN THE GLOVES OFF SERIES. \*~\* I promised myself I'd stay away from dangerous men, but I couldn't live up to that when Kyle Andrews came back to town. He's a manipulator, a guy who'll do whatever it takes to get what he wants, sabotaging anyone who gets in the way. After a fatal fight left him wounded, his UFC career comes to a close. He has nothing, but he's determined to get it all back. My name is Megan. I've known violence, pain, and what it feels like to be scared to live another day. All of that changed the moment I refused to be a victim. Now that my psychotic ex, Alex, can't find me, I've been given a second chance. I owe my life to my friends. The same goes for Kyle. Without him, I wouldn't be able to feel. Everyone hates him. But for the life of me I don't. There's something about him I can't ignore. Being with Kyle makes me want it all. However, in loving a hated man, I didn't know it'd bring the life I fled from back to haunt me. Everywhere I go danger lurks and bad things happen. Kyle believes it's because of him,

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but I'm starting to think otherwise. I think Alex has found me, and if so, this time he's not going to let me go.

A team of scholars with backgrounds in criminology, sociology, economics, business, government regulation, and law examine the historical, social, and cultural causes of the 2008 economic crisis. Essays probe the workings of the toxic subprime loan industry, the role of external auditors, the consequences of Wall Street deregulation, the manipulations of alpha hedge fund managers, and the "Ponzi-like" culture of contemporary capitalism. They unravel modern finance's complex schematics and highlight their susceptibility to corruption, fraud, and outright racketeering. They examine the involvement of enablers, including accountants, lawyers, credit rating agencies, and regulatory workers, who failed to protect the public interest and enforce existing checks and balances. While the United States was "ground zero" of the meltdown, the financial crimes of other countries intensified the disaster. Internationally-focused essays consider bad practices in China and the European property markets and draw attention to the far-reaching consequences of transnational money laundering and tax evasion schemes. By approaching the 2008 crisis from the perspective of white collar criminology, contributors build a more general understanding of the collapse and crystallize the

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multiple human and institutional factors preventing capture of even the worst offenders.

Learn techniques and strategies for keeping gifted children motivated.

It takes a graveyard to raise a child. Nobody Owens, known as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a graveyard, being raised by ghosts, with a guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor the dead. There are adventures in the graveyard for a boy—an ancient Indigo Man, a gateway to the abandoned city of ghouls, the strange and terrible Sleer. But if Bod leaves the graveyard, he will be in danger from the man Jack—who has already killed Bod's family.

'Sock and Glove' presents thirteen delightful softy projects that are quick to make - and certain to amuse and delight. Full of individuality and mischief, these stuffed creations are all pieced together from ordinary socks, gloves and mittens. Step-by-step illustrations and instructions make it easy to craft and dress a whole menagerie, including monkeys, elephants, piglets, bunnies, and even an insouciant fish. Endearing to adults and children alike, these whimsical creatures make perfect gifts and inspiring companions.

Tells a story about the strange relationship of two migrant workers who are able to realize their dreams of an easy life until one of them succumbs to his weakness for soft, helpless creatures and strangles a farmer's wife.

A page-turning and immersive YA novel in verse, telling the story of Lily who is mercilessly bullied at school and who turns to boxing in an attempt to fight back; a story of hope and resilience breaking through even the most difficult situations. Lily turns sixteen with two very different sides to her life: school, where she is badly bullied, and home with her mum and dad, warm and comforting but with its own difficulties.

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